

State Senator Joe Crisco's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

ENERGY ASSISTANCE & CONSERVATION

One-stop source for home-heating assistance and energy links:
www.senatedems.ct.gov/Energy

Save on Your Electric Bill

Choose Your Electric Supplier

The rate you pay for the generation portion of your electric bill may be lowered. **1-888-922-3782**

The **Weatherization Residential Assistance Partnership** (WRAP) helps income-eligible customers reduce their bills by making their homes more energy-efficient.

1-800-388-9727

Home Energy Solutions provides energy audits for a subsidized fee of \$75. **1-877-947-3873**

Furnace Upgrades

The **Energy Conservation Loan Program** provides low-or no-interest loans for energy-efficient upgrades including furnaces and boilers, thermal windows and doors and insulation. **860-233-5165 ext. 2019 or 2023; www.chif.org**

State Sales Tax Exemptions

Connecticut provides sales tax exemptions for energy-efficient products including:

- Insulation
- Caulking
- Doors
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Furnaces
- Geothermal heat pumps
- Programmable thermostats
- Water heaters
- Windows

HEALTH CARE ISSUES UPDATE

Building upon my legislative achievements regarding the early detection of breast cancer:

Mammograms: No Change in Current Practice Recommended

I worked with my colleagues to convene a panel of physicians and other health care experts to advise women on the best practices for early detection of breast cancer. Our experts advised women to continue to practice self examination and obtain yearly mammograms beginning at age 40.

Breast Density

For women with dense breast tissue, the mammogram may not reveal cancerous tissue. That is why women should consult with their primary care provider about the need for further screening using ultrasound or MRI.



Dear Neighbor,

I always look forward to taking part in Connecticut Loves to Read Day at Laurel Ledge School. The letter on the right is just one of the many wonderful letters I received from Mrs. Gabriel's 3rd-graders a few days after reading *The Monarch Butterfly* to the students.

Sincerely,

State Senator Joe Crisco

Dear Senator Crisco,

Thank you for reading the book, *Monarch Butterfly*. The most interesting part was how the butterflies fly from Canada to Mexico. I also learned how the Monarchs lay their eggs only on milkweed. Why do they lay their eggs only on milkweed?

Thank you,
3rd grader



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